

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 17 and 18.

Please amend Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 15. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - ii).

2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the data associated to that computer, and against which the unique identifier is recorded, relates to further data associated with such previous transactions.
4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 in which the predetermined number is unique to the hardware of the computer.
5. (Amended) A method as claimed in either one of claims 1 or 2 in which the other identifying information is information that is associated with the geometry of the hard disk.
7. (Amended) A method as claimed in either one of claims 1 or 2 in which the combining function is performed on the computer.
8. (Amended) A method as claimed in either one of claims 1 or 2 in which the unique identifier is sent to the remote site, from where it is compared to the store.
9. (Amended) A method as claimed in either one of claims 1 or 2 in which the combining function is an encryption process.
12. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 11 in which the data associated to that computer, and against which the unique identifier is recorded, relates to further data associated with such previous transactions.

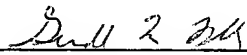
13. (Amended) A system as claimed in either one of claims 11 or 12 in which the searching means is arranged to establish a predetermined type of number as the identifying element.
15. (Amended) A system as claimed in either one of claims 11 or 12 in which the searching means is arranged to establish the other identifying information.

Please add new Claims 19, 20, 21, and 22.

19. (New) The method of claim 2, said further data comprising credit card details used during such previous transactions.
20. (New) The method of claim 4, the predetermined number being a serial number of the hard disk.
21. (New) A system as claimed in claim 12 in which said further data comprises credit card details used during such previous transactions.
22. (New) A system as claimed in claim 13, the predetermined type of number being a serial number of the hard disk.

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